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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING/HANDLING...

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as follows, without prejudice:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, above "1. Field of Invention", please insert, as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of co-pending U.S.

Patent application serial number 09/348,266, filed on July 7, 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-4, 9 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please add the following new claim:

-- 11. (New) The manufacturing/handling instructing data code according to claim 5, wherein said data code is structured so as to contain the data for instructing manufacturing and handling works to be automated to be able to directly instruct processing and handling works in the processing or handling section. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 5-8 and 11, drawn to a non-elected invention in the parent application SN 09/348,266 filed July 7, 1999, are presently active in this application, claim 11 having been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of this amendment is felt to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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